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Serial No.: 09/818,284

§ Examiner: Mai, Rijue

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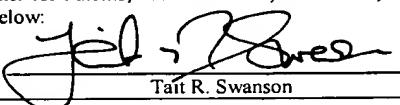
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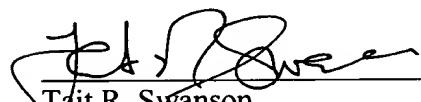
**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

In response to the Advisory Action and the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed April 27, 2004, the Applicants submit the following Interview Summary. On April 19 and 20, 2004, the Applicants initiated telephonic interviews with the Examiner. During these telephonic interviews, the Applicants emphasized that the Reid reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,982,614) fails to teach or suggest the features recited in the instant claims 1-50. Specifically, the Applicants stressed that Reid is completely devoid of a shared or common connector, as set forth in the instant claims. The Examiner asserted that the terminator 310 of the cable 300 of Reid corresponds to the claimed shared or common connector. However, the Applicants emphasized that the terminator 310 is not disposed *adjacent* the ports 112, because only the terminators 322, 324, 326, and 328 can plug into the ports 112. Thus, the Reid reference cannot anticipate the instant claims. The Examiner disagreed without any response to this deficiency of Reid. The Applicants believe the Examiner has not properly interpreted each claim *as a whole*, because the Examiner's interpretation of the terminator 310 completely ignores the *positional relationship* between the connectors and ports as recited in the instant claims. For these

reasons, the Applicants reiterate that the instant claims are patentable over the Reid reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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